



Waste Concern and ESCAP Side-event on
“Supporting the implementation of the New Urban Agenda: pro-poor local approaches for sustainable urban waste management”

at

Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9)
On 07-13 February 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Date and Venue:

08 February 2018 (14.00 to 15.00 hours), Room # 402, Kuala Lumpur Convention Center, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Background

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Waste Concern are supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Since 2009, Waste Concern and ESCAP have implemented a project on “Pro-poor and sustainable solid waste management in secondary cities and small towns in Asia-Pacific.”. Through this project, Waste Concern and ESCAP have assisted national and local governments in six Asian developing countries to establish decentralized, pro-poor and locally appropriate Integrated Resource Recovery Centres (IRRCs) in seven secondary cities and small towns. The IRRCs are low-cost, decentralized and locally appropriate facilities that recover economic and ecological value from waste resources based on 3R (reduce, reuse, recycle), helping local governments to integrate the benefits of sustainable waste management into local plans and programs for sustainable development.

Waste Concern and ESCAP have established IRRCs in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Viet Nam, with capacities ranging from two to ten tons of incoming waste per day. These IRRCs receive segregated municipal solid waste and convert 80-90% of the waste into profitable waste products such as organic compost, bio-gas, clean energy and recyclables through simple, low-cost, and non-mechanized processes.

The process of establishing an IRRC is inherently inclusive and facilitates the building of multi-stakeholder partnerships among local and national governments, communities and relevant stakeholders. In addition, it enhances the local adoption of 3R practices. The efficient operation of an IRRC can provide a wide range of social, economic and environmental benefits, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, producing organic compost and biogas, providing stable employment for urban poor and informal waste workers, and increasing the local government's revenue from waste management as opposed to the business-as-usual scenario of inefficient collection and unsanitary disposal of recoverable organic waste. The IRRCs directly and indirectly contribute towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, New

Urban Agenda (NUA), and the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, as well as the Regional Road Map for Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Regional Road Map) and Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development (MCED) in Asia and the Pacific.

Waste Concern and ESCAP are jointly organizing a side-event on **“Supporting the implementation of the New Urban Agenda: pro-poor local approaches for sustainable urban waste management”** at the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum to share key lessons from the implementation of IRRCs for sustainable waste management in secondary cities and small towns, and to discuss strategies for integrating IRRCs into sustainable urban development plans and programmes. In doing so, Waste Concern and ESCAP will invite leading experts on urban resource efficiency, waste management and sustainability to share their insights on decentralized resource recovery approaches towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and transformative actions of the NUA.

Objectives

The objective of the side-event is to share lessons and outcomes from the IRRCs, and highlight to representatives of cities and partners the value of multi-stakeholder, pro-poor, inclusive, and integrated solutions to urban waste management, and the contributions of integrated approaches to the implementation of the global and regional agendas for sustainable development.

Expected Outcomes

The side-event is expected to advance the sustainable management of municipal solid waste in secondary cities and small towns through the IRRC model. The specific outcomes are as follows:

- a. Enhanced understanding of effective waste management solutions, including localized, integrated resource recovery programmes
- b. Increased regional knowledge on integrating waste management in the implementation of the NUA and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region, specifically SDGs 6, 11, 12 and 13;
- c. Identification of new partnership modalities for the effective implementation of the NUA and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific region.

This side-event will contribute to greater understanding and promote actions in cities to support the Sustainable Development Goals 11 (sustainable cities and communities) and 12 (responsible consumption and production), including sanitation improvement (Goal 6) and greenhouse gas emission reduction (Goal 13).

Time and Place

The one-hour side-event will take place at Room # 402 of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 14.00 to 15.00 hours on 8 February 2018 during the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9).

Participation

Participation in the side-event will include local and national government representatives, civil society organizations, urban sustainability practitioners, waste picker's association, and regional thematic experts and specialists from international development partners.

ESCAP and Waste Concern will provide funding supports to 8-10 persons for their participation in this event, primarily from IRRCs implementing countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, such as Bangladesh, Cambodia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Viet Nam. Two LDCs (Bangladesh and Cambodia) are participating in the ESCAP-supported IRRCs programme, and two additional LDCs such as Bhutan and Nepal will be invited to attend the side-event with ESCAP's support.

The side-event will maintain gender parity in terms of women and youth participation as well as seek to highlight women and youth's agency in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the NUA in different regions. The event is open to all stakeholders. Interested participants working on municipal waste management and attending the WUF9 are expected to attend this side-event.

Programme Outline

The side-event will have short presentation/s from ESCAP and Waste Concern, followed by a panel discussion. ESCAP and Waste Concern are also expected to launch a report on sustainable development benefits of IRRCs.

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Date: 8 February 2018; Time: 14.00 to 15.00 hours

Time	Details
13:55 – 14:00	Request de event participants and panellists to take their seats
14:00 – 14:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Curt Garrigan, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP, at the moderator of the event gives the welcome note and introduces the panellists (10 minutes)ESCAP or Waste Concern give a presentation on IRRCs and their contributions to the global and regional agendas for sustainable development (15 minutes)
14:25 – 14:45	Mr. Curt Garrigan moderates a panel discussion of 20 minutes. The Panellists are:

	Ms. Sumaira Gul, AHKMT, Pakistan Mr. Liem Ngo, ENDA, Viet Nam Ms. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, UCLG ASPAC, Indonesia Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Ministry of Climate Change, Bangladesh <i>Representative of financial institution, possibly ADB</i> Each panellist will be asked questions and possibly follow-up by the moderator and audience. The total time allocated to each speaker is 4 minutes)
14:45 –14:55	Questions from the participants (and possible follow-up questions by the moderator. A total of five questions can be taken.
14:55 – 15:00	Moderator summarizes the discussions and informs about follow-up of the event
Opportunity for informal networking after the side event	

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